

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BUENOS 01714 121546Z

42

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 /026 W

----- 011098

O 121520Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0280

INFO AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 1714

EXDIS

DEPT PLEASE PASS TO SEC FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, UR, CU

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN BLANCO: CUBAN QUESTION

1. FONMIN BLANCO POSTPONED THE CUBAN QUESTION UNTIL WE COULD MEET PRIVATELY AT THE RESIDENCE OVER A LATE SUPPER. HE REVIEWED AT LENGTH THE CUBAN CONNECTION WITH THE TUPAMAROS. I SAID THAT HE COULD HAVE NO DOUBT OF OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD A FRIEND WHOSE BACK WAS AGAINST THE WALL, AND THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD REJECT ANY MEASURE WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE TERRORIST RISK TO THE GOA. HE ADMITTED THAT A LIFTING OF THE OAS SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA WOULD HAVE NO PRACTICAL EFFECT ON THE MILITARY EQUATION OF THE GUERRILLA WAR IN URUGUAY. BUT HE SAID THAT AS A MATTER OF PRACTICAL DOMESTIC POLITICS IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR URUGUAY TO CONCERT ITSELF WITH A MOVE TO LIFT THE SANCTIONS UNTIL THERE COULD BE SOME KIND OF ASSURANCES AS TO CUBAN SUPPORT FOR THE TERRORISTS IN THE FUTURE.

2. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE INTER-AMERICAN TIDE WAS TOWARD THE RELAXATION OF THE COLLECTIVE MEASURES, THAT THEY WERE ALREADY CONSIDERABLY DILUTED, AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM AFFECTED, BY THE RESUMPTION OF THE RELATIONS OF SO MANY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT URUGUAYAN CONCERN ABOUT CUBA WAS BASED

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BUENOS 01714 121546Z

ON HARD FACTS AND WAS NOT AN EXERCISE IN DOMESTIC DEMAGOGUERY--

A POINT I SAID WE FULLY UNDERSTOOD. HE SAID HE INTENDED IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS TO THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT SOME FORM OF SUBSTITUTE MEASURES. THESE MIGHT INCLUDE GUARANTEES OR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OAS COMMISSION TO MONITOR CUBAN ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NONINTERVENTION. HE WILL COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH US. IF SOME OTHER MEASURE CAN BE DEVELOPED WHICH CAN BE PRESENTED TO THE URUGUAYAN PEOPLE AS A RELACEMENT FOR THE OUTMODED SYSTEM OF SANCTIONS, HE COULD GO ALONG WITH THE TWO-STEP PROPOSAL.  
HILL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** MEETING AGENDA, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, MEETING REPORTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 12 MAR 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** woolflhd  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975BUENOS01714  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750086-0776  
**From:** BUENOS AIRES  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750360/aaaacbir.tel  
**Line Count:** 71  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION SS  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** woolflhd  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 03 SEP 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <03 SEP 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <22 DEC 2003 by woolflhd>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN BLANCO: CUBAN QUESTION  
**TAGS:** PFOR, US, UR, CU, (BLANCO, JUAN CARLOS), (ROGERS, WILLIMA D)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006